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EMBASSY INFORMED THAT AP BANGKOK IS PREPARING ARTICLE AT REQUEST OF NEW YORK OFFICE ON SUBJECT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN VIEWS CONCERNING U.S. POLICY TOWARD VIET-NAM SINCE THE FALL OF SAIGON. ARTICLE SHOULD RUN TONIGHT, SEPTEMBER 9, IN TIME FOR SEPTEMBER 10 DISCUSSION OF SRV'S UN APPLICATION IN SECURITY COUNCIL. AP BUREAU CHIEF HAS CONFIDED THAT ARTICLE, BASED ON INTERVIEWS IN BANGKOK WITH SUCH PEOPLE AS MFA UNDERSECRETARY ANAN PANYARACHUN AND SWEDISH AMBASSADOR JEAN-CHRISTOPHE OBERG, AS WELL AS WITH OTHERS ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA, WILL BE QUITE UNFAVORABLE TO USG. EMBASSY INFORMED AP THAT ANY U.S. COMMENT ON SUBJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN WASHINGTON, LIMITING OURSELVES TO EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT AP AWARE OF U.S. RECORD OF LICENSING OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIET-NAM DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW.
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